

TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

May 2021



17 MGs were present (8 being TCs) and about 60 people attended. It was awesome to tour the facilities. Note the bulk heads in stock and the body shop here.



From the Frame Up completed a fantastic TB Tickford restoration and decided to make an event of the delivery to the owners at an Open House. Bill & Debra Gardner from Florida were very surprised to see the crowd as they took the keys and heard about some of the history. Only 379 TBs were manufactured and of those, only 57 bore the Tickford drophead body. This TB0264 was the very first TB Tickford built. More on the Open House on page 8.



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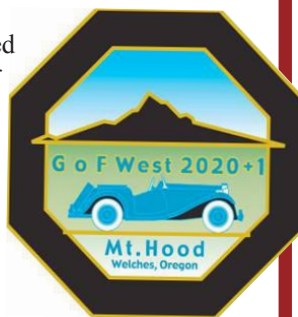
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fees were transferred to
2021 and no need to
re-register.

The committee is
working hard to make
this a very safe venue.



Go to the GoF West website for
more information:

GoFWest.org/gof-west-2021



To be honest, this is not being written
by or president, Cliff, but a report on
Cliff's TC activities that kept him pretty
busy to the point he did not have time to
write something himself. To prepare for
the trip to GoF West in July, he decided
going to the Open House at From the
Frame Up in Arizona would be a great
shakedown trip for the later GoF West
trip to Oregon. His TC restoration was
completed over a year ago now, but
had yet taken it on a longer trek. He
wanted company just for moral support
so tagged along with David & Joyce
Edgar who were trailering their TC.
Cliff came down the 200 miles from
Oxnard to San Diego area alone to meet
up for the next leg of the trip to Phoenix
area the next day. Leaving at "O" dark
thirty on Friday, the 370 mile westward

Cliff Notes

trip wound over the mountains (got a
bit chilly) and then into the desert along
the I-8. Left early as D&J were trying
to meet Doug Pelton by early afternoon
to make a delivery. Was not a bad trip
as it was somewhat overcast most the
way and except for a sore butt and going
through two quarts of oil (leaking tappet
cover), the trip was pretty decent. Got
a chance to meet Gene Roth's daughter
in Buckeye as part of the trip out too.
The Open House the next day was very
interesting (see report elsewhere in this
issue).

Next was the trip back home. Different
route cut about 20 miles but it was
warmer on Sunday (about 90° on
average through the desert). Left about
9:30am and got back to San Diego
area around 5pm and pretty tired and
going through another couple quarts of
oil. With the return trip to his home in
Oxnard, he logged over 1100 miles on
the TC over 5 days.

Congratulations to Cliff on a fun
adventure in the TC.

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Cliff in the Arizona desert



Meeting with Linda Roth in Buckeye, AZ

Would like to mention that Linda found a few things of her parents,
Gene & Deana Roth, that she is donating to the club. Franklin Mint
TC model, MG signs, magazines, framed photos are among the items
plus the small pewter TC on a necklace that her mother used to wear.
We thank her for the donations and our executive board will decide
how to best use them. Possibly part of our party auction, or ?

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April 27th TCMG Meeting

6:00 PM* 

BiCentennial Rallye of 1976

Video presentation provided by Al Moss showing a competitive rally to the colonial capitals, with the rallye winner receiving a brand new MGB. Pete and Fran Thelander along with Al Moss competed that year. Hear about Pete's cross-country trip in an MGA Coupe to get there, and what it was like to compete alongside Sir Moss.

Link below is for the Zoom
meeting on April 27th
<https://zoom.us/j/96696166670>

Make a simulated journey to the meeting in your TC (minimum of 10 miles) on the day of the meeting and receive Sargent points

* Pacific Daylight Savings Time



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road

Picnic Under the Oaks Tour

Sunday, April 25th
1 - 4PM



This is a RSVP event on Sunday afternoon April 25th from 1-4 PM

Pre picnic tour - 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM

TCMG member Gene Olson has invited the club to his home in Bradbury for an outdoor socially distancing picnic under the oaks. Relax in the shade of 35 oak trees and enjoy the views of the San Gabriel Valley. There is a hiking trail adjacent. Bring your lunch, the host will provide coffee, tea, and dessert.

Call or email Richard Loe to RSVP and get the tour starting location in Glendale.

818/790-2332 or fordydelux@yahoo.com

Richard Loe

Unofficial TCMG Tour

After the Open House at *From the Frame Up*, Cliff Lemieux, Doug & Carol Pelton and David & Joyce Edgar hung around and Doug volunteered to lead an impromptu tour to a viewpoint overlooking the Phoenix area. Quite a lovely drive with three TCMG members and three TCs. As we were doing this, it dawned on me that this is how the TCMG club came about. TC owners meeting up and just having fun with their little cars and enjoying the company.



Queen's English British Car Show

Moved to August 1



Who is This? What Kind of Car?



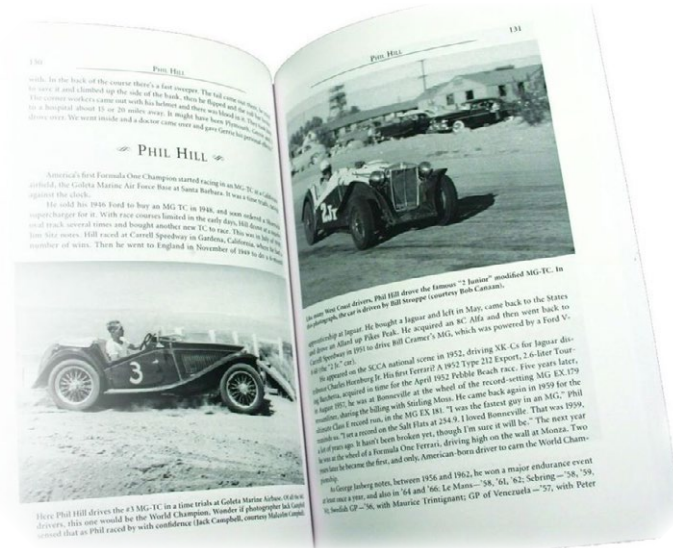
'47 MG TC with Ford V8 60 flathead engine (2.2 liter)

Among the prizes herein are a wealth of cool photos, some depicting heavily cooked MG-based specials, such as the 2Jr, famously driven by Hill and Richie Ginther, but also shown here getting hustled by Bill Stroppe, the hot rodder who ran the Mercury factory race team (a Ford V8-60 flathead had been swapped for the Abingdon anchor). One stout little volume of sports racing history.

Who is this? What kind of car? What engine? Extra points for naming the venue.

Trick question because Phil Hill raced it early on, 3 times, (after the owner Arnold Stubbs raced it first). Picture is Bill Stroppe in 2Jr at the start of the Sandberg Hill climb (Angeles crest) 1952. Everybody raced that car including Ritchie Ginther at Sandberg.

This is from an ad on the internet for a book on MGs. The text below describes the example photo of the 2Jr MG TC with the Ford Flathead V8 60 that ran in the 1950s.



Sirens of Chrome - Margery Krevsky Momentum Books
autobooks-aerobooks.com \$24.95



Kress Hunsburger

FTFU Open House

Doug Pelton held the *From the Frame Up* Open House on April 17th in Mesa, AZ. The TB presentation was very nice but just as enjoyable was seeing the shelves of parts, various workshop areas, seeing a TA and TC in different stages of completion. And after most had left, the TB went up on the rack for an underside inspection. The whole experience was like being a kid at Santa's workshop. Cliff walked through with an employee and said, "I want one of these, and one of those, and . . ."



A TC tub (original for measuring), a rack of hood bows, and a fuel tank with cut away bottom where you can see baffles inside.



Cute spare TP roll holders



TA chassis being built



TCMG member Pete Gannon from Arizona has been acquiring TC parts for a wall hanging. Not done yet but we got to see the current status as he brought it to the *From the Frame Up* Open House. Some parts were donated by TCMG member, John Bowyer in Texas. Should note that Steve Simmons is also doing a similar display project.



2021 TCMG Directory Corrections

Please make these corrections to the directories that were mailed out.

Note, anyone wishing a PDF copy of the 2021 TCMG Directory (with these corrections made), contact David at: djedgar1970@gmail.com and one will be emailed to you.

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Only one TA owned:
1937 TA 1282 MPJG 1525 Red / Black

Roy Jones

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Gene Olson

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Trall, Bill

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John S. & Phylis Williams

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Wild Tame Flower Tour



Six TCs on the tour (Simmons, Zucca, Lemieux, Loe, Hunsberger, Ockwell)

On Saturday, March 20, TC Motoring Guild held its first group event since the pandemic halted in-person activities one year prior. 15 members and guests with six TCs participated in the event, which was originally scheduled to visit the California Poppy Reserves. Due to high winds, bitter cold and no poppies, a change was made the day before the event and the group instead headed west from our meeting point in Castaic. Driving along scenic roads, our new destination was Heritage Valley where we viewed captive flowers instead of wild ones at a nursery with an astounding array of rose varieties. A socially distanced picnic lunch topped off the day at a nearby park, in perfect weather. It's good to be back in the saddle!



Meeting in Castaic



Driving through the hills to Heritage Valley



Arriving at the nursery

Picnic in the park



Every shade of red roses for sale and every shade of red TC parked nearby

Report and photos by
Steve Simmons



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What is GoF West?

Apparently not all our members know about GoF West, so will do a brief description here. GoF stands for Gathering of the Faithful (Faithful MG owners to be specific). The West specifies the gathering on the West side of the USA (vs South, Central or, if not specified, the East or New England). MG owners gather for fun and games with their MGs, (car display, rallye, funkhanna, tech sessions, MG arts & crafts, meals and banquets, etc). Usually lasts 5 days, although some do less. This has gone on for 48 years in the West with this year being the 49th.

You get a chance to see many different models of MGs (although we love the TCs the most), talk MGs with fellow enthusiasts, learn more about our fun little cars, and just have fun. See inside the front cover on how to join this year's event in July. You can also see past newsletters

(Gazettes) to get a feel for it.

Location varies in the West and has been in California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Washington, Oregon, Montana and even Canada, but people come from all over the US and world.

If you are a MG fan, then you owe it to yourself to make it to at least one of these to see what it is all about. Should note that two families have managed to make it to each event held so far and one is Pete & Fran Thelander a TC Motoring Guild member.



Long Time TCMG TC For Sale

After 33 fond years, Mimi and I realized our '48 TC isn't getting too old for us: we're getting too old for it.

It's not a show car, it's a venerable driver (original factory black paint) but with redone interior and top by Joe Namnam (Jaguar biscuit leather) and matching carpets by Little John, new chrome, rebuilt wheels (stainless spokes, powder coated silver-grey rims and hubs) with five new Blockley tyers. It's cosmetic appearance is top-notch, (except for weathered driver's door and bonnet top).



In order to keep up with today's traffic, I built a second engine: late parts, bored and sleeved to 1500cc, reusing only the original crank and rods (the testing lab said they're fine). With 9:1 compression, a stock late cam and many improvements to reduce parasite drag, and to improve safety (Datsun 240Z finned drums.) It is quite quick.

Included are the original engine parts, MG manuals, and onboard tools. \$29,000 fob Newport Beach

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March 23, 2021 TCMG Meeting Minutes

Attendance - 27 including a few first time zoom meeting attendees: Joel Taylor & Mark and Deb Acosta. Six members drove their TCs to earn Sargent points.

Cliff Lemieux, president, called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM welcoming the new members. Joel shared that he is from Reno and has been restoring a TC his father purchased in 1954. Mark and Deb live in Grants Pass, Oregon and will be getting their TC on the road soon. Deb is going to be the designated driver.

Secretary Sandra Loe submitted the minutes of the February meeting as printed in the newsletter. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion passed. Sandra reported there was nothing in the PO Box this month.

Treasurer/Membership Chair Joyce Edgar reported the club has money in the bank and 97 members. She sent the Treasurers report to the executive board before the meeting and will forward a PDF to any member requesting the report.

There was a quick review of the scheduled programs for the next few months: Thelanders/April, Lemieux/May, and the Henkels Picnic in June if Covid restrictions allow gatherings.

Events Chair Richard Loe shared that the drive to the Otto & Sons Nursery was attended by six members driving their TCs and three members driving a modern car. The Queen's English Car Show has been postponed until August 1st therefore the planned April club event will be a drive and picnic. Likely the drive will either be to the Antelope Valley or up Angeles Crest Highway to Monte Cristo Campground. The drive will be April 25th with the destination to be determined soon. Richard is still hoping we will be able to go to the Autry Museum and the Tam O'Shanter in May. At this time the Autry remains closed. GoF is planned for late July and members need to make their reservations soon. Richard has started making arrangements for Conclave to be in early October. Tentatively, we will meet

ARR at the Inn in Morro Bay. Specifics will be provided when finalized.

Member Alan Campbell offered to host an event at his property in Coursegold, CA.

Steve Simmons indicated he is continuing to work on digitizing club films.

David Edgar is working on the 2021 TCMG directory and hopes to have it in the mail within the week. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Loe



Nine paper models submitted at the March meeting. See TCMG website for more photos and stories

Those in attendance at our March meeting.
Top row - Steve & Linda Simmons, David & Joyce Edgar, Joel Taylor (NV), Cliff Lemieux,
2nd row - Dottie Smith (NH), Curt & Jan Sorensen, Gregg Hunsberger, Richard & Sandra Loe
3rd row - Mark & Debbie Acosta (OR), Alan Campbell, Mike Simmons, Don McLish (no video)
4th row - Rob Zucca, Kay Einhorn, Allan & Linda Chalmers, Bobbie Simon
Bottom Row - Pete & Fran Thelander, Cindy Henkels, Joe Douglass

Those that also drove at least 10 miles in their TC the day of the meeting were: Richard & Sandra Loe, Steve & Linda Simmons, Gregg Hunsberger, Cliff Lemieux, Rob Zucca & David Edgar
Each earned one more Sargent Point.



TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

April 8, 1948	TC 5221	Bill Traill
April 10, 1949	TC 9875	Deb & Mark Acosta
April 14, 1947	TC 2556	John & Phyllis Williams
April 14, 1948	TC 5230	Ed & Dee Koskie
April 14, 1948	TC 5238	Jim & Kim Ellis
April 21, 1949	TC 8507	James Marsala
April 26, 1949	TC 8533	Larry Pate
April 28, 1949	TC 8567EXU	Douglas & Marilyn Smith
April 29, 1949	TC 5381	Brian & Jane Sonner
May 2, 1949	TC 8580	John Uniack
May 8, 1947	TC 2735	Richard & Sandra Loe



Build dates listed are when the TCs began near the beginning of the assembly line and assigned a number.

Happy 72nd, 73rd & 74th Birthdays

Parts and Info Wanted

I am looking for some 48 spoke 16 inch wire wheels for a TC.



Jim Sullivan
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I am thinking about putting a Datsun steering box in my TC (not the VW) and was wondering if anyone had the parts available that are willing to sell or know a source. Would also appreciate comments from anyone with this box on the handling and or installation.

Thank you in advance,
Jim Sullivan
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Barry Briskman TC restoration from 20 years ago but well preserved and only 147 miles put on in that time. Looks really very fresh. *From the Frame Up* did a full inspection on it recently and, changed out all fluids, and did brake work in preparation of sale. For more information contact Bob at 602-732-0772 or bbergdesign@gmail.com TC is located near Mesa, Arizona and \$37,000 is the starting negotiation price as Bob put it.

Club Regalia

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MG TC Pin & MG Car Club Pin (inquire)
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TCMG Hoodies \$30 + postage
TCMG Spark Plug Holder \$40 + postage

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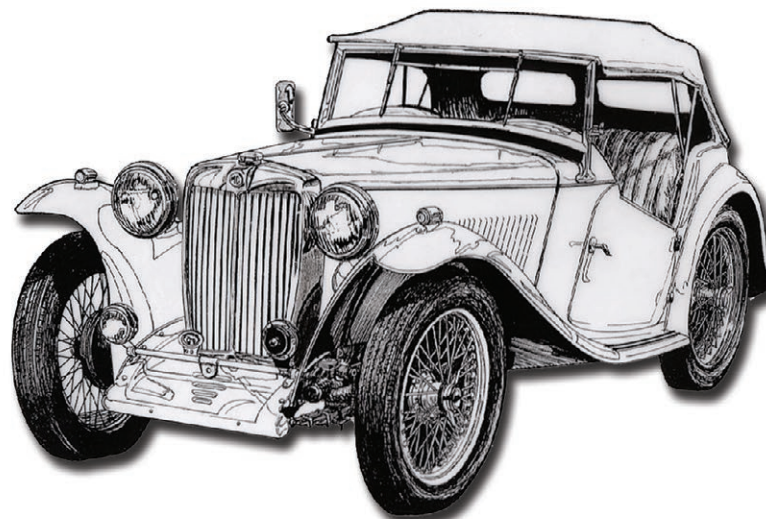


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